

SENATE BILL 1413
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 35
and Title 39, relative to fiduciaries and adults who occupy
authority-figure positions with minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 39-15-414.

(a) It is an offense for an adult to receive anything of value in exchange for
coercing, influencing or persuading or attempting to coerce, influence or persuade a
minor to make a particular decision regarding the institution of higher education the
minor will attend if the adult, at the time of the offense:

(1) Possesses supervisory or disciplinary authority over the minor
by virtue of the adult's legal, professional or occupational status;

(2) Uses such authority to coerce, influence or persuade the
minor's decision; and

(3) Fails to fully disclose in writing to the minor and the minor's
parents or legal guardian:

(A) The item of value received, or to be received, in exchange for influencing the minor; and

(B) The identity of the person or entity from whom the item of value was, or will be, received.

(b) A violation of this section shall be graded as theft and punished as provided in § 39-14-105.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.